

Remarks

Claims 1-75 are presented for the Examiner's review and consideration. Applicant believes the accompanying remarks herein serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability. No new matter has been added.

Election of Species Requirement

Applicant has been required, under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, the requirement identifying the following as distinct species:

Species 1 (Figs 1 - 18; specification, page 33, line 21 - page 35, line 18);
Species 2 (Figs 19 - 45; specification, page 35, line 19 - page 39, line 3);
Species 3 (Figs 52 - 55; specification, page 39, line 20 - page 40, line 6);
Species 4 (Fig 56; specification, page 40, line 7 - page 40, line 9);
Species 5 (Figs 57 - 63; specification, page 40, line 10- page 40, line 27);
Species 6 (Figs 64 - 67; specification, page 41, line 1 - page 41, line 14);
Species 7 (Figs 68 - 69; specification, page 41, line 15 - page 41, line 20);
Species 8 (Figs 70 - 71; specification, page 41, line 21 - page 41, line 27);
Species 9 (Figs 72 - 82; specification, page 42, line 1 - page 41, line 24); and
Species 10 (Figs 83 - 87; specification, page 42, line 25 - page 43, line 11).

Applicant hereby elects Species 1 (Fig's. 1-18), without traverse, and respectfully submits that claims 1, 5-11 and 33 encompass the elected species. Applicant notes that this is a provisional election, as a generic linking claim may ultimately be found to be allowable. Applicant retains the right to pursue the non-elected group in one or more divisional applications.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If any questions remain regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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No fees are believed to be due. However, please charge any other required fee (or credit overpayments) to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket No. 7380-X04-006)

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